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Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record the documents listed below and on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

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| Document No. | Date | Country |
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The Examiner's independent consideration of all of these documents and their relevance before issuance of the first official action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return copies of the accompanying PTO-1449 form(s) to evidence such consideration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge (or credit any overpayment) any fees which are due to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

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